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November Workshops at the Library of Michigan

by Karrie Waarala, Continuing Education Specialist

It's grant writing time again! That means that the Library of Michigan will be hosting a number of *Grant Writing Workshops* throughout the state. Participants will learn what the Library of Michigan and peer reviewers expect to find in a grant application and how to determine goals and objectives, write a compelling needs statement, and formulate an effective evaluation tool. The cost is \$10, and 0.5 CEUs will be available. This hands-on workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

Thursday, November 7:

Library of Michigan, Lansing

Friday, November 8:

Herrick District Library, Holland

Tuesday, November 12:

Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library, Cadillac

Thursday, November 14:

Peter White Public Library, Marquette

Monday, November 18:

Ypsilanti District Library, Ypsilanti

Tuesday, November 19:

Hoyt Main Library, Saginaw

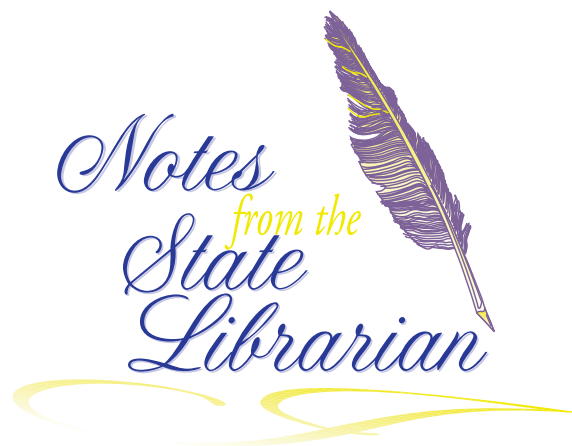
Wednesday, November 20:

Roseville Public Library, Roseville

If you'd like some feedback on your own grant proposal, we invite you to a *Grant Collaboration Session* from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22. Participants at this free session will take turns asking for feedback on the main points of their grant proposals and for ideas from others regarding potential collaboration. Participants may even identify others during this session who would like to collaborate on their projects! This session will take place at the Library of Michigan and will also be videoconferenced to two other locations yet to be determined.

New library directors and trustees: you won't want to miss the *Workshop for New Directors and Trustees* on Monday, November 25. This invaluable workshop provides information on the many services the Library of Michigan offers to libraries across the state and is an informative orientation for those new to administration or trusteeship. This workshop will be held in the Lake Ontario Room at the Library of Michigan. It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will offer 0.6 CEUs. The \$20 cost includes lunch and materials.

If you have any questions regarding workshops offered by the Library of Michigan, please feel free to contact Karrie Waarala at 517-373-3746 or kwaarala@michigan.gov.



I always learn something when I spend time with my grandchildren! Although they range in age from only one to four years old, they are confident in their likes and dislikes, especially when it comes to favorite books and television programs! When I visited them last month, I learned all about Bob the Builder, a character familiar to many children's librarians, but new to me. Bob and his sidekicks work together to construct things in a very capable and positive manner. The continuing question from Bob the Builder is "can we build it?" The shouted response from my granddaughters is "YES WE CAN!"

In my mind, we are like Bob the Builder as we attempt to build a better system of library service in Michigan. In this time of financial reversals, can we really hope to build a stable base for library funding, ask libraries to adopt measures of quality for service and participate in a statewide resource-sharing program? We have many reasons to say, "this is not the time", or "there are no funds for this". It would be much easier to hunker down and be satisfied with the service currently being offered.

Instead, let's accept the challenge of doing the improbable with nearly impossible odds. Through PLFIG, ATLAS, the MAME study, and QSAC, the Michigan library community is formulating plans that will enhance library service all over the state. Make no mistake, plans are important. While it is tempting to believe the opposite, the reality is that all the money in the world would not help libraries if we didn't have a plan for enhancing service.

So, can we create a better system of library service in this state? Can we build it? YES WE CAN!

Happy October!

Christie

How to Research Your Family at the Library of Michigan

by Randy Riley, Special Collections Manager, Library of Michigan

The Library of Michigan's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection of genealogy materials provides interested researchers with a variety of resources to help them to get started exploring their family history. The Library's proactive staff assists researchers using the collection, which is located in user-friendly, open stacks on the second floor.

A common question asked of staff is, "How do I get started?" Many researchers know that the Library of Michigan maintains one of the ten largest genealogical collections in the country but are not quite sure how to take advantage of this wealth of information. Knowing that the Library owns the entire set of federal census records for the United States and Canada, over 8,000 published family histories, over 3,000 Michigan newspaper titles on microfilm, UMI Genealogy and Local History Collection of over 21,000 genealogy and local history titles and a collection of hundreds of printed materials focusing on states east of the Mississippi River doesn't automatically complete someone's family history. At some point researchers need to develop a strategy for studying their family history and create a systemized method for keeping track of what they have looked at and what they need to explore in the future. The following suggested steps are recommended to help interested researchers to more effectively use the Library of Michigan's genealogical holdings.

Step One: Get a Pedigree Chart

When starting the process, it is essential to obtain a five-generation pedigree chart and a family group chart. These tools will serve as maps to your family history, showing you what you know and what you still need to find out.

Step Two: Read, Read, Read!

Beginning researchers don't like to hear this, but reading a good "how to" book is key to completing a successful family history. Take some time to read one of the hundreds of books written by genealogy experts, which highlight the challenges and obstacles involved in doing family history research. In the long run it will save you time and frustration.



Step Three: Don't Start Until You Have Done Your Homework

When starting your research, see how much of your five-generation pedigree chart you can fill out by using resources that you find at home. Is there a trunk in grandma's attic that contains old letters or journals from deceased relatives? Look at old photo albums and family Bibles to see if they contain any written information about your ancestors. Old letters, baby books, scrapbooks, report cards, medical records, church records, memorial cards and family traditions all may contribute to your search.

Step Four: Conduct an Oral History

Often the best source for information is your living family and friends. Talk to your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives. You may want to record these interviews and transcribe them at a later date. Remember to ask questions about names, dates, relationships, localities, church memberships and military service. If you plan on recording the interviews on audiotape or video, first make sure you have written permission.

Step Five: Develop and Plan a Research Strategy

Use your pedigree chart and information you have gathered from doing your "homework" and talking to relatives to select an unknown piece of information that you think may be located at the Library of Michigan. Remember to start with what you know and systematically work back in time. By doing this, you should eliminate several potential errors. Developing a solid plan of attack will help you to proceed with your research in an organized manner.

Step Six: Census Search

Search U.S. and Canadian census records. Census records are a useful tool because they provide historic snapshots of communities in ten-year intervals. Ask the librarian at the genealogy desk for assistance with how to get started using census records. Remember to start with the latest census (1930) and work back in time.

Step Seven: Search for Vital Records

Begin collecting copies of birth, death and marriage certificates. These records contain a tremendous amount of genealogical information. The Library of Michigan has a large number of Michigan vital records on microfilm. Ask the librarian on duty for assistance.

Step Eight: Additional Resources

Ask the librarian to help you locate Michigan history magazines, published county histories, genealogy periodicals, newspapers on microfilm, city directories, etc. All of these resources may contain the hidden key to unlocking your family history.

Step Nine: Getting the ANSWER

Use ANSWER, the Library's online catalog. It is possible to search by keyword, title, author, subject and call number. You can search ANSWER over the Internet at www.opac.libofmich.lib.mi.us/screens/opacmenu.html.

Step Ten: Don't Hesitate to Ask Library of Michigan Staff for Assistance

The Library of Michigan's staff is available to assist patrons using the collection. Take advantage of their expertise. Researchers using the collection will have better luck if they come to the Library prepared to ask for specific information. While staff cannot provide extensive genealogical research, they will do what they can to make sure you have a successful visit.

If you have questions, visit the Library's web page at www.michigan.gov/hal or call us at (517) 373-1300.



Start Local, Go Global: Genealogy Research at Your Local Library

by Charles Hagler, Librarian, Library of Michigan

You have gathered all the information you can from your family members. You have rummaged their attics and basements for scrapbooks, letters, old diaries, family Bibles or any other pieces of information they have on long ago relatives, and you have your pedigree chart in hand. What is your next step? Your local library is where you want to start. Since genealogy is one of the most popular recreational activities in the United States, you can be sure your local library will have at least the basic tools to get you started. Here is a short list of what you may find in your local public library:

- How-to books
- Address books for genealogists
- Local, county and regional history books
- Family histories
- Maps and atlases
- Local records
- Diaries and biographies
- Local and regional newspapers
- Obituary indexes
- Photographs
- City and rural directories
- Cemetery readings
- Church directories
- Clipping files
- Yearbooks
- Bibliographies
- Local history and genealogical society
- Fellow genealogists

You may find that your local library is connected to the Internet. This can open up a world of resources for you. The Library of Michigan has provided Michigan libraries with access to AncestryPlus, an online genealogical database that can link you with millions of ancestors. Michigan e-Library, or MeL, is another resource you can utilize either at your local library or from home.

Finally, at your local library you will find the one person who can guide you on your quest, show you how to locate the very item you need, give you encouragement and support and share your frustrations, triumphs and joys in your search for your ancestors...

...a librarian.

Database of the Month AncestryPlus

by Pennie Howard, Librarian, Library of Michigan

What is AncestryPlus? With over 1.2 billion records in over 3,000 databases, AncestryPlus is the most comprehensive online source of information for conducting genealogical and local history research available.

What's the difference between AncestryPlus and Ancestry.com? Not much. AncestryPlus is a subscription database packaged and sold to libraries. Ancestry.com is for individual subscribers. Same company, same information, different ways of marketing the product. Through AccessMichigan, residents of Michigan can access AncestryPlus at any library in Michigan that offers public Internet access (note the AncestryPlus database is NOT available to Michigan residents at home via MeL).

How does it work? You can search all the databases at once, search by location or choose a specific database to search.

Global Search – Found at the top of the home page. Allows for a broad search by name (limit by location is optional) of all the databases.

Advanced Search – The link for Advanced Search is under the Global Search button. Advanced Search also searches all databases at once but allows the user to narrow the search.

Location Search – Found on the right side column of the home page. Users can search all records for a specific area (at this time the only areas are the United States, United Kingdom and Ireland).

Individual Databases – Listed under Global Search by type. Three databases are listed under each topic; however, clicking on 'more' will give you a list of all the databases under that topic.

Which way is better? – It depends on the results you want. When you want an overall check of what is available, searching all the databases at once works best. When you are looking for specific information searching one database at a time can give you more precise results.



What can you find in all these databases?

Among the wide range of databases included in AncestryPlus are:

- Digitized images of the U.S. Federal Census from 1790 forward (some indexed)
- Social Security Death Index
- Civil War Pension Index
- American Genealogical Biographical Index
- Passenger and Immigration Lists
- Ancestry World Tree (a family tree can be submitted by a user; once submitted the family tree becomes searchable)

Tips for using AncestryPlus

Read, read, read... The database descriptions provide a lot of useful details about each database, such as what information is included, what is excluded, typical problems, where the information comes from, related information and where you can order a record.

Be sure to keep track of what database you find useful information in. AncestryPlus has a lot of information, and it can be difficult to find information again.

Be careful with the information you find. When records are transcribed for use in an electronic resource such as AncestryPlus, there is (more) room for error (typos, etc.).

Getting to AncestryPlus at a Michigan library:

1. Go to www.mel.org (Michigan Electronic Library)
2. Scroll down to "Magazines, e-books and more"
3. Choose "Log on in your library or school"
4. Choose "Gale Group Infotrac Databases"
5. Click on "Proceed" (Gray button in the middle of the screen)
6. Choose "AncestryPlus"

Genealogy Sprouting at the Library of Michigan

by Kris Rzepczynski, Reference Librarian, Library of Michigan

As highlighted at the Library of Michigan Road Show, the Library's successful program "Genealogy Sprouts: Family History For Kids" offers children glimpses into their past. Offered in conjunction with the Michigan Historical Museum's Summer Day Camp, this summer's session was well attended.

Each program begins in a classroom-type environment, where the kids are both introduced to the foundations of genealogy and taught why it is important to start at an early age. After studying the meaning of their names, the kids then create their own family crest based on their own personal interests. Armed with a set of questions, the "sprouts" are then turned loose (supervised, of course) in the Library's collection. Sample questions are designed to introduce the children to the many different types of genealogy resources in our collection, including newspapers, maps, city directories and U.S. census indexes, as well as the online catalog. At the end of the day, the group reconvenes in the classroom to discuss the many things that they saw and learned.

Aside from the snacks provided, the kids most enjoy their time spent in the collection, with activities such as using the microfilm machines and looking at items on the shelf. In the future, we will look to spend more time out in the collection, thereby maximizing their time spent with the genealogy materials. Using the materials in your own collections and the plethora of available Internet resources, you can host your own genealogy for children program at your library.

If you have any questions about the Genealogy Sprouts program, please contact the Public Services Division at the Library of Michigan at toll-free 1-877-479-0021 or (517) 373-1300 or by email at librarian@michigan.gov.

Governor John Engler recently declared October 2002 as Family History Month, recognizing the importance of genealogy in preserving our sense of heritage and commitment to the concept of home and family. In celebration of Family History Month, the Department of History, Arts and Libraries will offer many activities throughout October, which will be held at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo Street in Lansing. All activities are free unless otherwise noted.

Did you know?

How popular is genealogy? Ancestry.com is the third largest paid subscription site on the Internet, behind ConsumerReports.org and the Wall Street Journal's WSJ.com.



ATLAS Consulting Contract Extended

by Randy Dykhuis, Michigan Library Consortium

The Michigan Library Consortium (MLC) and the Library of Michigan have agreed to extend the ATLAS consulting contract for another year. With the implementation plan nearing completion, work will shift to identifying libraries that are ready to proceed, selecting the vendors for the resource sharing service and developing a statewide delivery service. Randy Dykhuis, MLC Executive Director, will continue his role as principal consultant. Because of the complex nature of the upcoming work, Kathy Cadwallader will assist him during the next phase.

In the next year, the Library of Michigan and MLC expect to select vendors for the portal, interlibrary loan software and delivery service. They will develop criteria for participation, which will be used to determine which libraries are ready to participate in the patron-initiated interlibrary loan service. By the end of the contract, the Library and MLC expect to be close to implementation for the first libraries to use the new resource-sharing service.

With Kathy moving to new responsibilities, Kelly Bayee has become the new Michigan eLibrary support specialist. Kelly will be the first line of support for librarians who have questions about using FirstSearch, Infotrac, netLibrary, SIRS Discoverer and Electric Library through MeL. You can contact Kelly at bayeek@mlcnet.org or 800-530-9019, ext. 20. Suzanne Robinson will continue to provide support to MeL users. In addition to her support role, Suzanne will now serve as MLC's training coordinator, responsible for organizing all MeL training. To request a MeL training session, please contact Suzanne at robinson@mlcnet.org or 800-530-9019, ext. 33.

Library Ghost Stories

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Do you have spirits in your stacks? A little "boo" in your books? An apparition among your acquisitions? While the latest Stephen King novel may be the scariest thing in most libraries, some Michigan libraries report some strange and spooky occurrences. In the spirit of Halloween, we would like to tell a few ghost stories that libraries shared with us:

Some people contend that the **Bacon Memorial District Library** in Wyandotte is haunted, reports Wally Hayden, although most of the staff who have worked for years in the stately old house have never heard or seen anything paranormal. Yet, a suspicion that there may be a ghostly presence persists, with even local newspapers speculating about a possible haunting in the building. A few workers have said they've sensed an eerie presence in the library, seen lights flickering or heard strange noises. Once all the lights in the building mysteriously went off while a page was upstairs alone, although the light switch was untouched and the maintenance man found no indications of a short circuit. Some people say they have seen a young woman looking out the window of an upstairs "music room" or heard her violin, and someone once saw an apparition in the parlor whose description, some say, sounds remarkably like pictures of the house's first proprietor, John Ford.

Director Sandi Blakney says that last year, during Teen Read Week, the **Allen Park Public Library** invited a group of ghost hunters to check out their library. Sure enough, the hunters "found" several ghosts, one seemingly attached to a piece of artwork that was donated decades ago. They took digital pictures, so the teens could see the ghosts almost instantly (they show up as white circles, according to the ghost hunters, because it's their energy that's captured by the camera).

Around the time of the September 11 tragedy, something started beeping in the basement of the **Hastings Public Library**. According to Circulation Manager Darrel Hawbaker, it sounds like a smoke detector battery that is going bad, but library staff cannot find the source of the sound. The local city



boss for streets maintenance visited and could not find the source, so he said it was ghosts. It has beeped every 40 seconds for the past 10 months. (90 times an hour, over 2,000 times daily, more than 14,000 times weekly, almost 60,000 times monthly, thus over half a million times since it started!) Recently there have been periods when it has turned into a shrill continuous sound.

Jessie Long and Kelly Hines Frisbie of the **White Cloud Community Library** told us this story:

"Since we are located in a small town, our library has a somewhat unusual past. Prior to becoming a library, our building had many uses over the years. It was once used as a funeral home, which may or may not explain some of the strange occurrences that have taken place here.

About two years ago, a dear friend and co-worker passed away. This lady had a very outgoing and vivacious personality, and she could talk anyone into anything. She belonged to our Friends of the Library group and was very involved in our small community. Shortly before she passed away, she had asked the Friends to help us start a classic movies video collection for the library. Using the memorial contributions we received in her honor, we have built up quite a large collection of classic movies that many of our patrons really enjoy. We installed a nice shelving unit to display the videos and we placed a memorial plaque with this person's picture on it above the shelving unit.

The very next morning when our staff arrived, the shelf was tipped forward and all the videos were lying on the floor. We didn't think much of it at the time, but the next morning the same thing had happened. We tried to reassure ourselves that the shelving unit was just unstable; perhaps the videos were too far forward; there was a bump in the floor, etc. We ended up bolting it to the wall.

Another strange incident occurred at closing time one night. Three staff members were doing last minute tasks when we heard what sounded like books tipping over in the stacks. We thought at first that we had turned the lights out on a patron, so we went through the stacks to see if someone was there. No one was there and there weren't any books tipped over anywhere on the shelves. We returned to the back room and heard the same noise again. We

looked at each other just to make sure we all had heard the same thing. Needless to say, this spooked us just a little bit. This has happened numerous times since, and other staff members have heard it too. We have yet to find the source of the strange 'falling books' noise, and it only occurs after closing time. Maybe our friend is letting us know that she still visits occasionally to make sure we keep things up to par!"

www Web-Site-ings

by Lucy Roehrig, Library of Michigan Reference Librarian & Knowledge Seeker

Hoaxes, Hauntings and Urban Legends

Black Vault

<http://www.bvalphaserver.com/>

Don't Spread that Hoax!

<http://www.nonprofit.net/hoax/index.html>

Ghosts.org

<http://www.ghosts.org/>

Ghosts of the Prairie

<http://www.prairieghosts.com/>

Hollywood Hauntings

<http://gothic.vei.net/hollywood/>

Legend of Nessie

<http://www.myspace.co.uk/nessie/>

Museum of Unnatural History

<http://www.unmuseum.org/>

Paranormal at About.com

<http://paranormal.about.com/>

Shadowlands

<http://theshadowlands.net/>

Haunted Places Index (state by state)

<http://theshadowlands.net/places/>

Unexplained Mysteries

<http://www.unexplained-mysteries.com/>

Urban Legends & Modern Myth

<http://www.warphead.com/urbanlegends/>

Urban Legends Archive

<http://www.urbanlegends.com/>

Urban Legends Reference Pages

<http://www.snopes2.com/>

This is Lucy Roehrig's last Web Site-ings. Farewell Lucy, and good luck in your new position as a school librarian in Lincoln Park.



National Children's Book Week

by Kristine Tardiff, Youth Services Specialist, Library of Michigan

National Children's Book Week is as important today as it was in 1919, when at the American Booksellers Association's annual meeting, a resolution was passed committing the Association to the organization of a Children's Book Week in November. Each November, Children's Book Week is celebrated nationally in schools, libraries, bookstores, clubs, private homes and any place where there are children and books. Librarians, teachers, parents, booksellers, artists, authors and publishers make a special effort during this week to help children and parents celebrate a child's natural love for reading and books.

This year's celebration takes place from November 18-24. The Children's Book Council (CBC), established in 1944, now officially sponsors Children's Book Week. The CBC is a nonprofit trade association whose membership consists of U.S. publishers and packagers of trade books for children and young adults and producers of related literacy materials. This year's theme, Book Time, encourages children, and the adults who care for them, to make time each day to spend with a favorite book.

The Children's Book Council makes available all kinds of fun materials to help you plan events to

celebrate this special week. At their Web site, http://www.cbcbooks.org/html/book_week.html, you can order posters, frieze, bookmarks, streamers or a Book Week Kit. This year's artists include Kevin Henkes, Elisa Kleven, Greg Couch, Janell Cannon, Yumi Heo, Janet S. Wong and Kadir Nelson. Also at their Web site, you can access resources such as Book Week activities; celebrating Book Week A to Z; how to celebrate Book Week; and Plan, Promote, and Publicize Book Week. There is also a selection of Book Week related links.

Michigan Publication Makes Library Journal's List of Notable Government Documents

by Casey Kremers, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Borne of the Wind: An Introduction to the Ecology of Michigan Sand Dunes, published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, made *Library Journal's* recently published 2001 Notable Government Documents list.

Library Journal says, "Visually compelling and informative, this introduction to Michigan's sand dunes covers geologic formation and structure, native flora and fauna, and ecological factors that impact and endanger this environment. Maps and colorful photographs help convey the natural beauty of the area. There are references to sand dune regulations and information on sand dunes located on publicly owned lands or private nature preserves. Indexes of native and exotic plants and animals and a bibliography of resources accompany the text."

To download *Borne of the Wind*, visit <http://www.msue.msu.edu/mnfi/dunes/index.html>.



Al Zehnder,

A Man of Confidence and Commitment

by Sarah Watkins, Executive Director, Library of Michigan Foundation

When Al Zehnder was invited to become a member of the Library of Michigan Foundation Board in 1989, he accepted without reservation and immediately brought his matchless blend of enthusiasm and dedication to the organization. Just as soon as he became a board member, he wanted to be a major part of making the Foundation grow. His vision for the organization was for it to “become a permanent and important supporting organization for the state library.” He has worked effectively toward making that vision a reality.

Al was a member of the Board for 7 years before becoming its 2nd president in January of 1996, filling the position held by Richard McLellan since the Foundation’s creation in 1985. The Library of Michigan Foundation, however, isn’t the only place where Zehnder holds the title of president. He is also the chairman and CEO of Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth. This means that he directs the operations of not only the Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth restaurant, but also an 18-hole golf course (The Fortress) and a hotel (Zehnder’s Bavarian Haus), as well as a variety of one-of-a-kind retail shops.

State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau says, “Al has a genuine love for the Library of Michigan and the Foundation. He works hard to see that we prosper. He’s a kind and generous man who instantly puts people at ease.” Christie also speaks glowingly of Zehnder’s dedication to the Rare Book Room project, pointing out that he has worked successfully with three Foundation executive directors on this long-awaited project, which will begin construction in early 2003.

Carl English, the Foundation’s vice president and president of the Gas Division of Consumers Energy, says that he admires Al Zehnder’s organized approach to board governance, “the result of strength of mind and character.” English finds Zehnder “a strong leader who wisely mixes encouragement and compliments for jobs well done.” English further supported his admiration of Zehnder’s work as president of the Foundation

Board by saying, “I know that he is passionate about the fact that the Library is a marvelous structure, housing a goodly share of the accumulated knowledge of mankind, wrapped with the nostalgia of childhood memories of experience with the wonder of libraries and their books and tied with the bow of giving back something of himself and his blessings to others. I think that is what he finds pleasing and satisfying about his position.”

Larry Lipton, the Foundation’s treasurer and a vice president with Salomon Smith Barney, cites Zehnder’s diplomatic skills, saying, “Al has tremendous experience and skill in working with people to build understanding of several points of view and then to lead to decisions that work best for all.”

Al Zehnder has been a dedicated contributor, giving generously of himself and his resources for 13 years. A Gold Level donor, he is a top-notch philanthropist. His personal contributions of time and professional savvy have had an immeasurable impact upon the growth and achievements of the Foundation.

His is a presence that commands respect and deserves more. He has a self-assured manner and an unveiled appreciation of people that lends itself wonderfully to the growth and success of a Foundation that exists to support the programs of the Library of Michigan.

After 6 years as the Foundation’s president, Zehnder says that he thinks it is time for someone else to have the privilege of this role. With his big heart and bigger smile, it will be a hard role to fill.



Flint Public Library Chosen to Host National Exhibit "Go Figure!"

Through a successful grant application, the Flint Public Library was chosen as one of 30 libraries nationally to host the "Go Figure!" exhibit. This national traveling exhibit was recently on display at the Main Library. "Go Figure!" is a 700-square-foot exhibition introducing children, preschool through 2nd grade, to early math concepts such as sorting, measuring and counting through kid-sized environments inspired by familiar children's books and characters.

The library also hosted a Back-to-School Reception for parents and young children, co-sponsored by the University of Michigan Public Television station, WFUM. In addition to refreshments and guided tours, the event featured storybook characters such as PBS's Arthur.

Howell Carnegie District Library Wins Again!

The Howell Carnegie District Library captured two first place awards in the American Library Association's national public relations Swap & Shop competition in the category of libraries with budgets under \$1,999,999. The awards, which recognize libraries that have strived to make their publications and materials more informative and

appealing, are given each year at ALA's annual conference.

The *Between Friends* newsletter won in the division of Best Newsletter. The help of ACG Graphics of Brighton, who prints the newsletter, was instrumental in this winning design. The bookmark featuring the library's Web site address (www.howelllibrary.org), as well as the new library logo was the winning entry in the Web Site Marketing division.

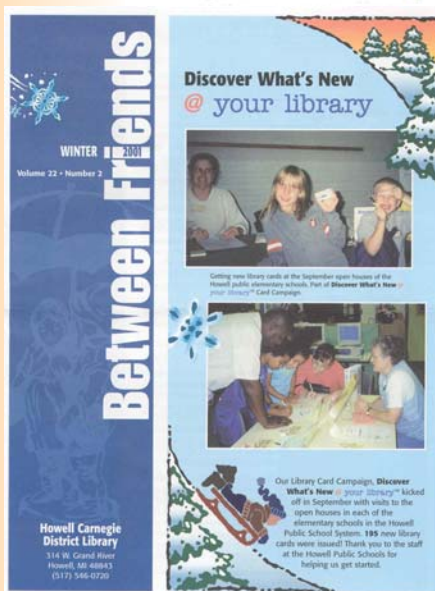
Fremont Area District Library Announces Fall Writer Series

The Fremont Area District Library is proud to announce its fall 2002 *Writers Live* line-up. This fall's roster includes two poets and two Michigan historians. Poet Linda Nemec Foster opened the series in September. On October 23, historian Frederick Stonehouse, from northern Michigan, will present a program about the Great Lakes ghost ships. Janie L Panagopoulos, recipient of the Michigan Author Award for the year 2000, presents her unique blend of literature and history for children on November 6. The fall series concludes with nationally known poet and essayist Naomi Shihab Nye on December 5. All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information call 231-928-0257.


The Fremont Area District Library was one of the original 19 libraries to implement *Writers Live at the Library* in 1993, funded by a grant to the American Library Association from the Lila-Wallace Readers Digest Fund. The Fremont program has continued with the support of generous local donations.

Fennville District Library Board Takes Surfing Lessons

The Fennville District Library made learning fun when it hosted a "Sun-N-Surf" party recently to acquaint library board members with the Internet. Thom Riley, Information Systems Manager for the Lakeland Library Cooperative, offered tips and information to aid the members as they surfed the Net. Staff members joined Riley in providing one-on-one assistance to the library board. Library Director Kristen Motz came up with the idea, reasoning that the board would better understand the importance of technology if they experienced some of the pleasures (and pitfalls) of the Internet. The board enjoyed tropical decor while surfing a variety of sites, including Ask Jeeves, Kelly Blue Book, the American Girl Store, e-bay and AncestryPlus.



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HOWELL
CARNEGIE DISTRICT
LIBRARY

www.howelllibrary.org
314 W. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843
517.546.0720



Monroe County Voters Pass Two Library Millage Issues

Two communities served by the 16-branch Monroe County Library System showed their support for library services by passing two separate building issues.

The Ida branch library, which is a portable classroom with no running water or restroom facility, will begin the process of taking bids to construct a much-needed, brand new facility. Barb Drott, community librarian, explains that the 0.5 mill will generate about \$65,000 per year over a five-year period.

Bedford Township residents also approved 0.75 mill for ten years to add on to the current facility. The addition will double the size of the library and replace obsolete heating, air conditioning and electrical systems in the current building.

Bookmobiles Are Back in Detroit

The Detroit Public Library has introduced two new, customized bookmobiles to serve Detroit neighborhoods and schools. They will visit senior housing and assisted living centers and recreation and community centers. The 28-foot bookmobiles, which are handicapped accessible, carry a 2,800-item collection of books and other materials. A satellite dish atop the vehicle provides wireless Internet access at the available computer stations.

"Bookmobiles have been absent from the streets of Detroit for nearly 10 years," said Nancy Skowronski, the library's interim director. "But thanks to the millage support given by the citizens of Detroit to the library in the 2000 election, bookmobile service has been re-established with the most current vehicles available. The 'Library on Wheels' outreach service will immediately impact the ability of those citizens to access the full resources of the library system."



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Mount Clemens Public Library Wins National Black Books Galore! Contest

Mount Clemens Public Library is the second place national winner in the first Black Books Galore! contest sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and publisher John Wiley & Sons. The contest sought the most creative public library programs that raise awareness of and interest in African American children's literature. Mount Clemens Public Library's program series for this past year's Black History month was judged to "reflect the original, creative programming that increases community involvement and sparks the interest of children, parents, caregivers, and teachers in African American life and culture."

In the award announcement, both the Black Caucus and publisher's representatives stated, "Judging proved to be very difficult. The committee felt that your program defined the

essence of the contest." The contest will benefit the Mount Clemens community, as the library will receive a collection of 75 notable African American children's books; a framed, signed print by Floyd

Cooper of his illustration of the poem "Tea Pot;" in the poetry collection, Brown

Honey in Broomwheat Tea by Joyce Carol Thomas; plus a year's subscription to Blackberry Express and Black Issues Book Review.



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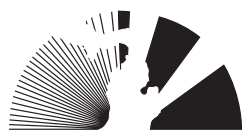
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